

## FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 10.25.2010

Wall Street Journal: "BofA Finds Foreclosure Document Errors ... Bank of America Corp. for the first time acknowledged finding some mistakes in foreclosure files as it begins to resubmit documents in 102,000 cases."

Wall Street Journal: "Bank of America Faces More Foreclosure Headwinds ... Bank of America will be among the stocks to watch this morning after it admitted to some document errors in the mortgage foreclosure crisis."

Wall Street Journal: "EADS Chief Keeps an Eye Out for Deals ... Louis Gallois, the chief executive of European Aeronautics Defense & Space Co., says U.S. economic policies that weaken the dollar are dangerous for the parent company of Airbus-but increase his eagerness to pursue acquisitions in the U.S."

Wall Street Journal: "SEC Aims to Streamline Complaint Process ... Technology to electronically catalog all tips and complaints about alleged securities violations is slated to be up and running by year's end, the Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement chief said."

Wall Street Journal: "Fitch May Cut Banks' Ratings ... Bank of America Corp. and Citigroup Inc. may have their credit ratings cut by Fitch Ratings because of new rules governing the way the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. supports financial institutions that pose a threat to the health of the U.S. economy."

Wall Street Journal: "Fannie, Freddie Seek End to Freeze ... Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have taken a leading role in preparing and endorsing an agreement between banks and title insurers that is designed to help restart foreclosure sales, according to people familiar with the matter."

Wall Street Journal: "Our Fiscal Policy Paradox ... The practice of monetary and fiscal policy is fraught with difficulties, but the central concept is straightforward, compelling and, by the way, 75 years old: The government should push the economy forward when unemployment is high and slow it down when inflation threatens."

Wall Street Journal: "How to Privatize the Mortgage Market ... Despite the Dodd-Frank financial reform enacted in July, the mortgage market remains frozen and effectively nationalized. Today 90% of the \$14 trillion in outstanding residential mortgages is controlled by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), the Department of Veterans Affairs, or Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac-with the latter two under government conservatorship."

Wall Street Journal: "The G-20's 'Rebalancing' Act ... The Group of 20 finance ministers emerged from their weekend powwow in South Korea declaring themselves to be united firmly against the "competitive devaluation of currencies." We're glad to hear it."

Washington Post: "Treasury Shielding Citigroup as Deletions Make FOIA Meaningless ... The late Bloomberg News reporter Mark Pittman asked the U.S. Treasury in January 2009 to identify \$301 billion of securities owned by Citigroup Inc. that the government had agreed to guarantee. He made the request on the grounds that taxpayers ought to know how their money was being used."

Washington Post: "Bernanke Says Regulators 'Intensively' Reviewing Foreclosures ... Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke said the central bank and other regulators are "intensively" examining financial firms' home-foreclosure practices and expect preliminary findings next month."

Washington Post: "G-20 to Avoid 'Competitive Devaluation' of Currencies ... Group of 20 finance chiefs vowed to avoid weakening currencies to lift exports and left it to a leaders' meeting next month to flesh out how to further pressure member China to allow faster gains in the yuan."

NY Times: "Short Sales Resisted as Foreclosures Are Revived ... Bank of America and GMAC are firing up their formidable foreclosure machines again today, after a brief pause."

NY Times: "Foreclosures Had Errors, Bank Finds ... Even as Bank of America begins to restart foreclosure proceedings in 23 states on Monday, the bank confirmed that it had discovered errors, including incorrect data and misspelled names, in the paperwork it has reviewed."

NY Times: "Mortgage Lenders Under Review, Bernanke Says ... Federal banking regulators are examining whether mortgage companies cut corners on their procedures when they moved to foreclose on people's homes, the Federal Reserve chairman, Ben S. Bernanke, said Monday."

NY Times: "Wall Street Shares Rise; Dollar Weakens Again ... Indexes on Wall Street followed Europe exchanges higher on Monday after finance chiefs agreed over the weekend to avoid a currency war that could derail a recovery."

NY Times: "The Great Bailout Backlash ... Nothing in this election season, no program or party or politician, is less popular than the Troubled Asset Relief Program of 2008 - a k a the Wall Street bailout."

USA Today: "Say goodbye to free checking as banks seek new revenue ... Free checking as we know it is ending."